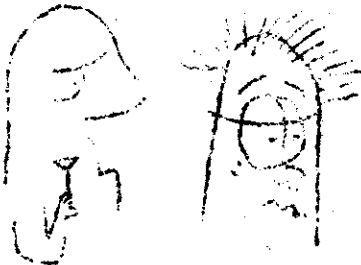


S / A B ?

NELSON

JOHNSTON



Remember that alliance we used to have...?

BIRSAN

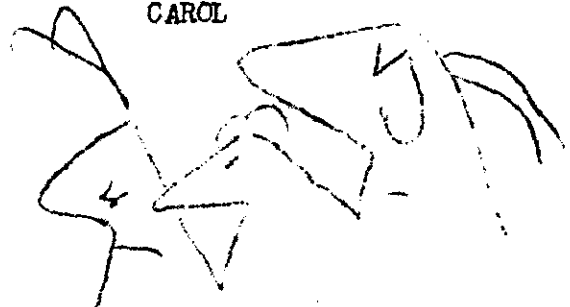


Remove how many?

MARY ANN

MRS. KONING

CAROL



The dribbled food and spilled coffee is one thing...but when you get blood on a tablecloth...

KONING



This is the way Smythe always did it...

KEY

WALKER

WINDELAD

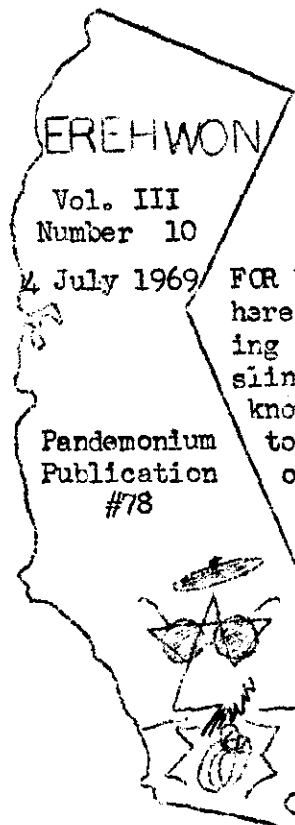
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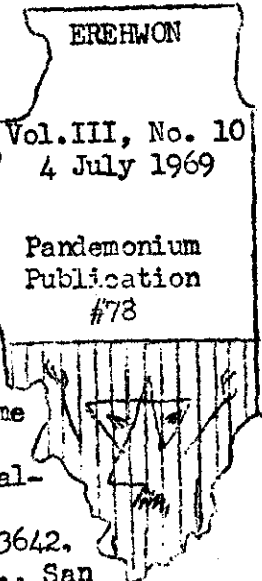


Our alliance is based on deeper considerations than mere self-interest...

NOT QUITE



"CHRISTIAN, n. One who believes that the New Testament is a divinely inspired book admirably suited to the spiritual needs of his neighbors. One who follows the teachings of Christ in so far as they are not inconsistent with a life of sin." ...Ambrose Bierce



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FOR LO! There arose in the West a new 'zine, which heretofore had been in the Wretched Midwest, suffering the heatwaves and the blizzards, which are the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune (otherwise known as the Air Force Assignment System). And it came to pass that the 'zine's name was EREHWON, a journal of postal Diplomacy* and other sermons of Fra. Gassalaca Japo, S.J. It is edited by Rod Walker, 1575-A White Dr., Rantoul, Ill. 61866; 'phone (217) 893-3642. After 10 August, please write c/o 4309 Adams Ave., San Diego, Calif. 92116 (unless my new permanent address is available at that time. This 'zine is under the editorial supervision of Jesus ben-Joseph, a former Palestinian salqi who is now an honorary WASP. Games (when open) are \$6 (\$5 to regular members of the NFFF Games Bureau or of the International Federation of Wargamers). Subscriptions are 10 issues for \$3 (or \$2.50 for NFFF or IFW regulars). The Diplomacy Widow's Game is \$4. Pandemonium Publications, Uninc., is affiliated with the Diplomacy Division of

the NFFF G.B. and with the Diplomacy Society of the IFW. Membership in both societies is a good idea and I will be glad to furnish details (complete details will also be printed next issue).

Original literary and/or artistic contributions to EREHWON are welcomed; all such items become the property of Pandemonium Publications, but those not used will be returned if a specific request is made. Manuscripts are subject to editing in the interest of space and of such minimal standards of good taste as may, from time to time, be enforced herein in order to keep certain harobrained fascist censors at the Post Office happy. This 'zine appears approximately every six weeks (see Announcements, #1).

Players and readers are hereby served notice that the forte of this 'zine is satire. It is our intention to step on as many toes as possible. If yours are included...well, if rape is inevitable, relax and enjoy it.

*Diplomacy is a game designed by Allan B. Calhmer and distributed by Games Research Inc., 48 Wersham St., Boston, Mass. 02118. Price: \$7.50, ppd.

This issue is dedicated to H.R.H. Charles, Prince of Wales. May the glory of his House forever daunt and frustrate the silly pretensions of rabid loonies and may his enemies continue to blow themselves up.

Gala Thirtieth Issue!!!!

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Big Brother . . . here and there

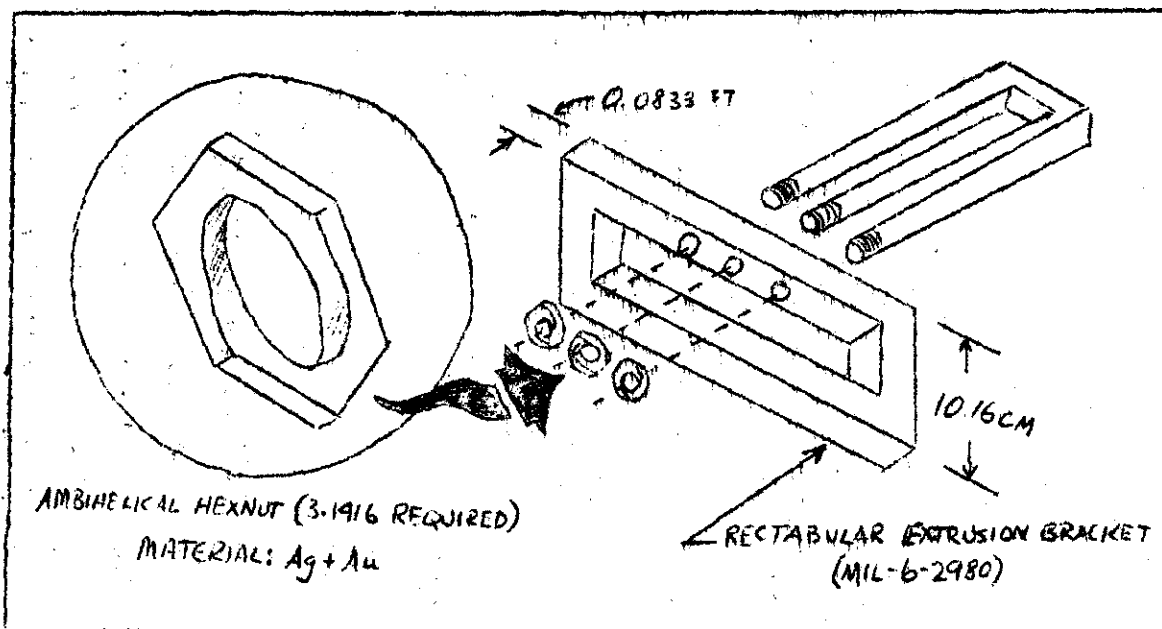
Those who responded immediately in this election have my sincere thanks and appreciation. Those who responded later, since I had practically to wring it out of you, I acknowledge your belated participation with a modicum of gratitude. As for the rest of you, I can only assume that in most cases you were too monumentally lazy to put down a simple "yes" or "no" on the set of orders you sent. Such gross ineptitude deserves some sort of recognition, but I cannot think of anything suitable at the moment.

Anyway, the JRH Rule was voted down. Retreats will be submitted in EREWON as per previous custom. As we say in Latin class, vox populi, vox populi.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Why Rectabular Exerusions Won't Transmogrify

Inquiries concerning the mounting of the Trichotometric Indicator Support indicate that some difficulty is being experienced with the brackets which attach the support. As an aid toward fabricating the support brackets, the illustration below is provided to show the type of material as well as the dimensional data needed. It will be noted that in attaching the bracket to the support, a special ambihelical hexnut is used. The application of this nut is unique in that any attempt to remove it in the conventional manner only tightens it. Because of this design, the nut must be fully screwed on before it can be screwed off.



MASTER POINT LISTING

The EREWON Master Point Listing is a statistical compilation. It is not a rating system, except insofar as it weights points assigned toward victory and survival. Points are assigned as follows: 7, victory; 3, second place (by at least 4 units); 1, survival; 0, elimination; -1, removal by the Gamesmaster. Replacement players receive no score at all unless they have played for at least 3 full game-years. Scores are totalling, not averaged. The columns below are: P, points; T, total games rated (i.e., which the player has finished or been eliminated in); W, number of wins; D, number of draws or second places; R, number of removals by GM; A, number of games still active. These listings are complete for all games through 1969AF. Games 1969AG-AZ are not yet reflected, owing to some confusion as to who is actually in some of them (i.e., Evans' "National Championship" tournament). Players are listed only after they have achieved a score other than 0 in a game. Inactive players are not listed, except for those who continue to publish. The Walker Rating System, which formerly appeared in these pages, is being transferred to THE VOICE. I am still looking for ideas for point plateaus to establish and titles we should give to people who accumulate certain numbers of points. Ideas, please?

Name	P	T	W	D	R	A
H. Anderson	10	2	1	1	-	1
Austin	1	3	-	-	-	2
Bailey	- 2	7	-	-	3	2
Barrows	13	3	1	2	-	2
Berman	16	5	1	3	-	1
Berschig	- 1	1	-	-	1	5
Beshara	7	2	1	-	-	6
Beyerlein	7	14	1	-	1	14
Bird	- 1	1	-	-	1	2
Birsan	25	18	2	3	1	31
Boardman	2	7	-	-	-	-
D. Brannan	10	23	-	-	1	3
C. Brannan	1	1	-	-	-	1
Brooks	3	1	-	1	-	3
Brunsch	- 1	1	-	-	1	1
Carey	6	6	-	2	-	10
Childers	1	2	-	-	-	5
Clark	9	5	-	3	-	4
Cochran	1	4	-	-	-	10
Comber	3	1	-	1	-	3
Connelly	2	2	-	1	1	6
Davidson	11	5	1	1	-	3
Duncan	1	2	-	-	-	2
Eller	7	1	1	-	-	3
Evans	- 1	1	-	-	1	4
Fisher	- 1	3	-	-	1	1
Fong	- 1	1	-	-	1	13
Francis	1	4	-	-	1	3
Gemignani	- 1	21	-	1	5	27
Goldstein	7	1	1	-	-	9
Grayson	- 2	3	-	-	2	14
Greene	2	3	-	-	-	6
Halle	6	2	1	-	1	17
Harrison	1	2	-	-	-	3
Hickson	- 2	2	-	-	2	2
Huff	12	11	1	2	1	5
B. Johnson	2	6	-	-	-	15
C. Johnson	- 1	1	-	-	1	2
Just	3	1	-	1	-	5
Keathley	- 1	1	-	-	1	12
Key	7	1	1	-	-	6
Kinney	7	2	1	-	-	12
Klyver	- 1	1	-	-	1	1
Komada	2	3	-	1	1	1
Koning	32	20	2	5	-	9
Kuch	10	5	-	3	-	7
Lattimer	18	26	1	3	2	3
Leeling	18	10	2	1	1	7
Leitch	10	2	1	1	-	2
Lindén	1	4	-	-	-	6
Lunney	- 1	1	-	-	1	8
Manogg	- 1	1	-	-	1	2
McCallum	20	15	1	2	-	9
McLeod	- 3	4	-	-	3	21
Mebane	9	4	-	3	-	4
D. Miller	22	5	3	-	-	-
M. Miller	- 2	2	-	-	2	1

Name	P	T	W	D	R	A
Munroe	10	3	1	1	-	6
Naus	14	15	1	2	-	24
Nelson	40	17	4	3	1	1
Ogle	- 1	2	-	-	1	1
Ollila	1	3	-	1	2	2
Peery	16	10	1	2	1	7
Pendergrass	18	8	2	1	1	3
Perrin	- 2	2	-	-	2	1
Pournelle	22	6	3	-	-	5
Prosnitz	24	7	3	1	1	9
Reinsel	22	23	2	1	2	14
K. Rosamilia	7	1	1	-	-	2
Scholz	1	8	-	-	-	11
A. Scott	1	2	-	-	-	2
Smythe	31	17	5	1	8	7
Swenson	- 1	11	-	-	2	4
Thompson	6	5	1	-	2	2
B. Tretick	7	4	1	-	-	15
C. Tretick	3	1	-	1	-	2
Turner	26	7	2	4	-	8
Turnquist	- 1	1	-	-	1	3
vonMetzke	27	31	1	7	4	21
Wagner	2	3	-	1	1	2
Walker	13	8	-	3	-	6
Ward	1	9	-	-	2	2
Wells	29	11	4	-	-	3
Weyant	0	2	-	-	1	4
White	1	5	-	-	-	22
Wilcox	- 1	2	-	-	1	6
Wittmann	1	2	-	-	-	12
Zelazny	29	9	3	2	-	6
Zinkhan	3	1	-	3	-	4

Errors, complaints, and whatnot may be sent to me. I will do my best to ignore them.

IT'S ALL OVER

Eight games have ended recently, including one of the incredibly hoary 1965 vintage. 1968AL (1968-6). This is the first of the many regular games in LA GUERRE to finish. It was won by Austria, played by Edi Birsan, who thus chalks up a second win with that difficult country. This game is noted for its rapid pace (ended 1907) and the large proportion of girl players in it. Second place was Chris Tretick, who had 10 units. 1967Z (1967-13). This ADAG game was a draw between France (Dan Barrows) and Italy (Bud Pendergrass), ending in 1910. The only real competition this lethal pair had was from Roland Tzudiker's Russia--but when Roland's interest in Diplomacy collapsed, so did his country (from 8 units to 2 in 1909). 1968S (1968-7). The first THULCANDRA game, noted for its excellent press release war, is now over. It was won by Mike Gold-

stein's Germany, which by 1909 had obtained the amazing total of 21 supply centers (having gained 6 in that single year. Runner-up was Frank Clark's Russia (9 units).

1965K (1965-19). The amazing thing about this game was that the players stayed with it for four long years and fought a good, hard battle. It was won in 1913 by Derek Nelson's Russia. This is the fourth win for one of the best Dippy players around. In second was Conrad vonMetzke's Germany.

#1967ED (1967-14). This is the game which was begun when Eric Just independently conceived of postal Diplomacy. It was carried in THE DIPLOMAT. The game is unusual for several reasons: the Gamesmaster was a player, the Just Right-Hand Rule was used for retreats, and the "Key Rule" prevailed (whereby a unit failing to move may be dislodged by an unsupported attack. For the latter reason, it is also considered a variant (although, since this change affected all players equally, I included it in the Master Point system). The game was won by Jeff Key's Austria in 1909. This is Jeff's first win--and his first game--with a most difficult country. In second place was Eric Just's Russia.

1967AW (1967-15). The first regular game in JUTLAND JOLLIES has ended, being completed by private mailings to the players. It was won in 1907 by Doug Beyerlein's Russia. This is Doug's first win, but undoubtedly not his last. In second place was Norm Zinkhan's England (12 units) (or, rather 11 units, 12 supply centers).

1967BA (1967-16). The first AEOLUS game is finished, being conducted by carbon copy. Charles Reinsel posts his second win as France, a difficult country. Runner-up was Italy, played by Paul Leitch (15 units). The game ended in 1910.

1968F (1968-8). And the second AEOLUS game is also over, having been won in 1909 by Gene Prosnitz's Russia. This is Gene's third win, as he will no doubt tell you (even if you don't ask). Runner-up was Bob Lake's Italy (16 units).

BIBLIOLOGIA 2

This constitutes corrections and additions to the complete listing of all Diplomacy literature which appeared last issue. Material normally found in the Current and Choice section, such as game openings, will appear on a selective basis in Announcements. Below, if a current 'zine is mentioned, the latest issue known to me will be indicated in parentheses. The numbers below are keyed to the last list.

2. A.D.A.G. (39). Except for T.S.2, all subzines are now combined into THE PUGET SOUND GAZETTE, which now carries all games begun or contracted for before the collapse of the Seattle publishing venture. In addition, a note from Hal states that he considers that he also published EURALIA; however, no issues by that title appeared from Hal's address. He did finish the EURALIA game, 1966BC, however.

3a. ALBION. D.J.Turnbull, 6 St.George's Ave., Timperley, Cheshire, England. This is the first 'zine to appear in England, and #1 is expected out this summer. Will trade on a selective basis.

5. ALTERNATE WORLD DIPLOMACY I AND II. Largely reprinted in LOMOKOME 8.

12a. AUTOSUTRAMENTIS. Jack Flemming, Champaign, Illinois. -*. A satirical put-on, claiming to be a Dippy 'zine. 1969.

16. BIG BROTHER (92). From issue #81 on, divided into subzines, each carrying a separate game. Game 8: CHARLIE'S COMMENTS NO. 9; Game 9: LITTLE BROTHER; Game 10: MINIPAX; Game 11: 1984.

26. THE CONFEDERATE OBSERVER. Associated with #1967ED, in THE DIPLOMAT, not 1968BD, as earlier reported. The publisher subsequently became a player in the game.

30a. DEUTCHLAND. Dieter Cordes, NewYork, NewYork. 1-3. A propagandazine prepared by the player for Germany in 2969AC, in DIPLODEUR 2.

39. THE DIPLOMAT (I, 27). Issues 1 & 2 unnumbered. Issue 12 numbered "11". Issue 27 is a reputed fake (see Announcements, #11).

45. DUNVEGAN. 1-4. No. 4 was a carbon-copy sheet sent to players. There have been no issues whatever in several months.

58. LA GAZETTE D'EUROPE. Published in 1964, not 1966.

62a. THE GRAND FENWICK GAZETTE NUMBER 2. Rod Walker, Rantoul, Illinois. -*. A one-shot, reporting a regular game at Youngstown Dipcon II. Named after #62.

63. GRAUSTARK (187). Began publication in 1963, not 1964.
67. HOSTIGOS (1-1-7). Also carries a telephone game of Napoleonic dippy.
74. KNOWABLE #3. Published in 1963.
81. LUSITANIA. There is a #1. Dan Alderson has a copy.
87. MISKATONIC UNIVERSITY. MISKATONIC ERRATA was published between #2 and #3.
- 89a. NAPOLI NEWS. Loring Windblad, Eatontown, New Jersey. I, 1-. Propagandazine published by the player for Italy in game (unnumbered) in LM/CRODUIN.
92. NORSTRILLIA. Published in 1965. Counts as #1 of NORSTRILLIA NOTES.
93. NORSTRILLIA NOTES. Began publication in 1965, with #2.
- 106a. THE PUGET SOUND GAZETTE. Hal Naus, San Diego, Calif. Subzine of ADAG, combining CEREBRAL NEBULA, EFGIART, and THE LOST ONES. #1 published thus far.
109. REUTER'S REPORTS. The last separately published issue was collated with BROEDINGNAG #24, not 23.
125. TUPPENCE-HA'PENNY. Published in 1964, not 1966.
126. UNTITLED etc. Published 1965, not 1966.
130. VANDY II. If you're curious, Vandy I was Earl Thompson's car.
138. THE WERELD etc. Published 1965-7, not 1966.
139. WILD 'N' WOOLY. Began publication in 1964, not 1965.
140. WITDIP was not a propagandazine, but carried a separate game. This game was never assigned a number and was abandoned in 1907 by consent of the players.
143. WSFA JOURNAL. At least one other issue also contained Diplomacy-related material. This appeared in January 1969 and contained "A Diplomatic Memoir" by Alexis Gilliland.
- 145a. YE OLDE BUSIE BULLETYNNE BOARDDE. Jeff Key, Eatontown, New Jersey. (1) A triweekly information sheet covering the whole postal Diplomacy scene: game openings, address changes, &c.

In addition, other journals which have had items on Diplomacy: THE GAMESMAN (Don Miller), THE CANADIAN WARGAMER, THE COURIER (or THE MERCENARY), AMPIPHOXI (or AMPHIPOXI) (Billy Petit), TIME.

I would like to thank John McCallum, most particularly, for the additions and corrections he has provided. He also noted a number of typographical errors which crept in (particularly with regard to dates).

CONTESTS

Contests in this 'zine have been disappointing of late. The last one elicited only two entries, one of them extremely incomplete. As I have said before, I simply refuse to pick a winner when there is no competition. For the time being, therefore, I am going to suspend having contests. I am going to keep the answers to Bill Linden's Augustan Contest in abeyance, since there may be occasion to use it again. I will print the answers next issue if Bill requests it.

DIPCON II

Youngstown Dipcon II, 28/29 June 1969, was a rousing success. It was not as well attended as we had hoped (the California and Oklahoma/Texas contingents couldn't make it), but those who arrived had a good time. I was there, of course, and John Koning. From Eatontown, New Jersey came Bud Stowe, Loring Windblad, and Jeff Key. With Jeff came his wife, Mary Ann, and her friend, Edi Birsan (who also plays Diplomacy, as you know). Edi came from New York. From Clarion, Pennsylvania, came Charles Reinsel. From Canada came Derek Nelson. From Columbus, Ohio, came David Johnston. Playing games was, of course, the order of the day. Among the activities were: Diplomacy, the Youngstown Variant, Battle of Britain, chess, Blitzkrieg, and god knows what else. John Koning's parents played the gracious hosts. His mother and his fiancee, as well as Mary Ann Key, seemed to have a nice time gossiping; however, Edi much preferred wargaming. There is already talk of an Oklahoma City Dipcon, next summer. If you are interested in this project, and think you might be able to come (estimated date: late June), write to Jeff Key and give him some encouragement. As for Youngstown Dipcon II: what a blast! I am sure there will be a full (if biased) report in the next (if ever) stab.

Note of correction: The reproduction method of ACELDAMA was mimeo, not ditto. Also, John McCallum states that the paper color is "buff"...OK, anything to oblige.

This issue, we are reviewing a 'zine that is not dead. Yes, THE DIPLOMAT lives, despite current appearances. I had originally intended to review JUTLAND JOLLIES; however, since the follow-on VIMY VICTORS is one issue away from the grave, I thought I would review them both next issue ("nextish", as Don Miller says).

There are two reasons for this departure from the original ghoulish purpose of this column. First, to pay a bit of a tribute to the man, Eric Just, who was the third person in the U.S. to think of, or invent, postal Diplomacy independently (the other two being Conrad vonMetzke in 1962, this venture being unsuccessful, and John Boardman in 1963). The occasion is the first anniversary of Eric's discovery by "mainstream" postal Dippy. Secondly, now that copies of early issues of THE DIPLOMAT are available, there needs to be some sort of bibliographic guide to the first 1½ years of this already venerable 'zine. All issues purple ditto on white paper, on one side only, with some exceptions.

No.	Date	Pg.	Contents	No.	Date	Pg.	Contents
1	29 Nov 67	1	Opening form letter ¹	13	18 Jul 68	1	FO4.
2	? Dec 67	2	Country assignment. ¹	14	? Aug 68	1	WO4.
3	13 Dec 67	2	House Rules.	15 ⁶	20 Aug 68	4 ⁷	SO5.
4	12 Jan 68	1	Right-Hand Rule.	16	9 Sep 68	4 ⁷	FO5.
5	24 Jan 68	3	#1967BD, SO1.	17	23 Sep 68	2 ⁷	WO5.
6	16 Feb 68	2	FO1.	18	14 Oct 68	3	S 06.
6(sup)	22 Feb 68	1	WO1.	19	4 Nov 68	1	FO6. Progress".
7	14 Mar 68	2	SO2.	20	25 Nov 68	4 ⁷	WO6, "Gradgrind's
8	10 Apr 68	3	F/W 02. ²	21	16 Dec 68	3	SO7.
9	7 May 68	2	SO3	22	13 Jan 69	3	FO7.
10	14 May 68	1	Player replacement.	23	10 Feb 69	3	WO7; 69K, WOO
11	31 May 68	1	FO3. ³	24	10 Mar 69	3	67BD, SO8; 69K&L, SO1.
(11a)	8 Jun 68	1	WO3. ⁴	25	14 Apr 69 ⁸	2	67BD, FO8; 69K&L, FO1.
(11b)	15 Jun 68	1	SO4 deadline. ⁴	26	5 May 69	4	67BD, WO8; 69K&L, WO1.
12 ⁵	? Jul 68	1	SO4	27	10 Jun 69	3	-- ⁹

Notes: All issues "Volume I". ¹Untitled, unnumbered. ²The WO2 moves, appeared on a separately published (o/a 16 Apr 68) "page 3". ³Thermofax. ⁴Postcard. ⁵Numbered "11". ⁶This was the first issue to be typed rather than hand-lettered. ⁷Printed on both sides of the paper. ⁸An earlier issue of the same number, dated 1 Apr 69, was also printed and some distribution was made. It contained some errors and was subsequently withdrawn. Some copies may still be available. ⁹Eric claims this issue is a fake, not produced by him. Nonetheless, it was typed on his typewriter(?) and mailed from Paoli.

A very limited number of sets of THE DIPLOMAT 1-20, by xerox reproduction, is available from me at \$2 a set. The paper used for reproduction is slightly smaller than the originals, but the print is quite clear, considering.

CLASSIFIED

WANTED: Vol. II, # 10 and Vol. III, #2 of EREWON. Wanted also: Back issues of THULCANDRA containing "Fodor's Guide to Hernia". Will pay any reasonable price. David Lindsay.

WANTED: BARAD-DUR 2-4,7,8; BIG BROTHER 48; BOLVERK 1-8; BROBDINGNAG 12,13; THE DIPLOMAT 1-12,22; DIPLOPHOBIA 3; FANTASIA 3; FREDONIA 4-8; GRAUSTARK 1-11,31-39,41,42; HYDROPHOBIA 5; LUSITANIA 1; MARSOVIA 12,24; MISKATONIA UNIVERSITY 1: 1,3,35; 2: 3,4; ORTHANC 11-15,25,26; RURITANIA 1,22,28-30; WILD 'N' WOOLY 3,4,9,10,13,66,69; XANADU 5,11; AUX ARMES 2. John Koning.

A HISTORY OF PODERKAGG (Part 3)

Q. Publius Anonimus immediately recognized that protection from government would cost money, and instituted therefore a system of taxation. The first Tax Collector was J. Brutus Fisticus, a local pugilist. He was empowered to collect as much money as he wished from the people, who were to give as much money as they wished. Fisticus was very effective in his job and even managed to collect a modest salary by obtaining slight additional donations. People soon got used to this, so that after they had given him the tax for

the Anarchate, they would always ask, "et tu, Brute?" The saying became very popular in Gastritis, and later spread to other parts of the world, including England, where it was attributed to the wrong source.

The first several decades of the Anarchate were fairly quiet, despite the fact that between 471 and 483 the city was raided no less than 695 times by a band of Kutrigur Huns who were in the area and liked fat muscular washwomen who screamed and scratched while being raped.

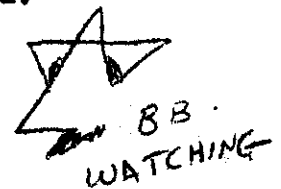
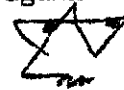
In the year 534, Gastritis first became active in international affairs. The supreme anarch of the time, Flavius Disruptus Inconstans, sent identically worded notes to the chanceries of the Ostrogothic Kingdom of Italy and the Byzantine Empire, stating that, in the event of war, Gastritis would be neutral. There was no thought of war at the time, but Inconstans thought a precautionary measure was needed. His note provoked an exchange of charges and counter-charges between Rome and Constantinople, each denying warlike intent and blaming the other for stirring up trouble. A year later, in 535, Byzantine armies under General Belisarius invaded Italy. Gastritis was neutral as the Greeks overran Italy.

In 567, Anarch Quintus Suspicius thought another precaution was necessary. Notes were dispatched to the Byzantine Exarch at Ravenna and the King of the Lombards in Pannonia that, in the event of war between them, Gastritis would be neutral.

Next: Relations with Charlemagne, the Popes, and the Moslems.



Good grief...you can't hide...here it is again
THE POETRY CORNER



The Scotch Coffee Pot

It's fresh and hot from out the pot
To brighten Mondee mornin'.
So nice and broon it bubbles doon,
My lethargy subornin'.

Now let's all pour a little more;
Then Wednesday's pot will shrink some.
Sugar and cream will taste redeem,
So come and help us drink some.

Sing: Pease coffee hot, pease coffee cold,
Pease coffee in the pot, one dee old.
And it's still here to bring us cheer
This tired and lazy Tuesdee.
So fill thy cup and drink thee up
The brew that still renews thee.

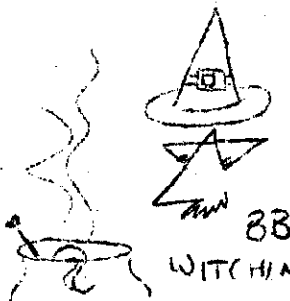
Sing: Pease coffee hot, pease coffee cold,
Pease coffee in the pot, three dees old.
And it's still there, and raisin' hair,
Awake to keep us, Thursdee.
Thy tongue may fuzz, but if it does,
The shock at least bestirs thee.

Sing: Pease coffee hot, pease coffee cold, Pease coffee in the pot, twa dees old.
Pease coffee in the pot, four dees old.

To pot we trudge and draw some sludge
Though Friddee's brew could stun thee.
But now it's gone and soon, anon,
We'll fix a pot for Mondee!

Sing: Pease coffee hot, pease coffee cold,
Pease coffee in the pot five dees old.

...Senile T. QHiverlimbs



WITCHING- and now, our special surprise report...

WALKER IN KONINGSBURG

It was a warm June night, the 27th to be exact, when Dave Johnston and I pulled into Youngstown. I had warned Dave of the hazards when I picked him up in Columbus, but he insisted on coming. On buying the gas, even. I proved my warnings true by promptly getting lost twice on the freeways by missing turnoffs. But we finally made it.

We quickly located Manse Koning, bordering as it does next to one of the world's largest graveyards. "Just the place," I observed, "for a Diplomacy Convention." Had I But Known the terrors that lurked ahead, I would not have made the remark so offhandedly. Manse Koning was dark and forbidding, but we knew that was only outward show to discourage the local motorcycle gangs. We parked in the drive and started up the steps to the door. By taking them two at a time, we managed the trip in only 15 minutes or so. The view was

breathtaking. At our feet lay mile after mile of tombstones. I could just make out my car, parked between

POTTER BILGENEST
1832-1876

and

SAMANTHA THAUMATURGE
1665-1743

I shall always think of you, my beloved husband, when I see cigar ashes.

She popped and crackled when we burned her.

We rang the bell. Mrs. Koning, John's mother, answered. She unbarred the door and undid the latch and undid the latch and undid the latch and undid the latch and replaced her Colt .45 in her shoulder holster. "The motorcycle gangs are out tonight," she said, "and Samantha Thaumaturge is walking the grounds." We assured her that all had been quiet when we drove up. "John has gone to the airport to pick up Derek," she said.

I shuddered. It was true. The dread Dirac A. G. Nelson, code-name "Derek", had arrived from Toronto, headquarters of the Sinister Canadian Conspiracy. After resting awhile, we left for the car and half an hour later brought up our bags, books, Diplomacy junk, brief cases, and of course my cat, Cat. He was consigned to the basement, where he wouldn't claw things and where the noise of motorcycles wouldn't bother him.

John and "Derek" were due back from Cleveland at 9. John was more punctual than usual, and we heard the roller-skate wheels of his go-cart scrape into the driveway at 10:30. We soon learned that Dirac's plane had been early. Many people do not know that John Koning is in reality Bernie Kling, being under the false impression that his only alter ego was "Paul Harley". This statement will therefore be a surprise to some who do not know John very well. We were all introduced to Dirac Nelson, who proved a very affable chap. We were charmed by his disarming greeting, "Kill Yanks". Dave and I were having some iced tea, having found twenty or thirty pots of it in the kitchen. John got a case of beer for Dirac, and Dirac drank it. I think Mrs. Koning objected somewhat when he broke the tops off over the mantel instead of on the edge of the kitchen sink, but she good-naturedly did not mention it.

Eventually we decided to get some sleep, having spent several hours listening to Dirac's plans for massacring several million Yanks and Quebecois. He was very entertaining. And graphic. We were to sleep in the attic, where John normally hangs out and works on Diplomacy material. To be sure, in one corner there was a game board, all set up for a Tab game. At least, that's what John said; it was hard to see the pieces through the cobwebs. In another corner was a stack of mail three or four feet high. Some pieces near the bottom seemed to be postmarked "1965", but they were too badly faded for me to be sure.

There were three beds. There was a very large one into which Dave plopped, going instantly to sleep. He didn't even say, "this is too soft". There was a smaller bed and an army cot. Above the snores, Dirac and I argued good-naturedly over the bed. After I broke two of Dirac's arms, he decided to take the cot.

Early in the morning, we were awakened by loud voices and raucous laughter. Surely, we thought, one of the motorcycle gangs was having an orgy in the back yard. As it turned out, however, the East Coast contingent had arrived, as well as the famous Charles Reinsel, whose heroic determination to "purrn" John Boardman has made him the hero of a generation. From New Jersey and New York came several other, uh, individuals. We were introduced to Jeff Key, who was filling up a corner of the yard nearest the kitchen; to Loring Windblad, who had stopped talking long enough to set up a photo lab near the garage; and to Bud Stowe, who was already picking out likely victims. With Jeff had come his charming wife, Mary Ann, who kept laughing about "grown men and their toys", and her friend, Edi Birsan, who was telling everybody "when you get to New York, come up and see me some time". Charles Reinsel proved far more affable in person than he sometimes is in print, perhaps because he was wearing his summer mustache. Charles, with whom I have had a feud of a year's standing, immediately agreed to bury the hatchet. It was only later, during the game, that I found out where.

We decided to play a game of (surprise!) Diplomacy--the results of which have since been published in THE GRAND FENWICK GAZETTE NUMBER 2--and immediately everybody took to the bushes in twos and threes. It took us several minutes to get them all back so we could assign countries. Then we all agreed to dispose of Dirac Nelson who, being a

foreigner, didn't speak the language very well, and then fell to on each other. I distinctly remember 1901 setting some sort of record for an in-person game, as somewhat less than a quart of blood was shed from various knife cuts, gunshot wounds, and brass knuckle marks about the groin and kidneys. But then, Youngstown is noted for its rather bloodless games. Charles Reinsel began claiming victory in 1902. Dirac Nelson, down to one unit in 1904, upset the board with a flying leap, screaming, "I win, I win!" This claim was disputed by some, but it was then decided to go on to another game.

Many games were played that day. Much food was consumed. Much beer was guzzled. Dirac Nelson, somewhat paranoid over the fact that everyone attacked him in every game, built a fortress out of empty cases which he had drained. The Rolling Rock factory was called for a special shipment. This came, although delayed by a motorcycle gang attack. The trucks managed for form a circle and fought off the howling savages.

The last game played, in the wee small hours of the morning, was a team-commander version of Blitzkrieg. I can hear the incisive conversation now:

NELSON: You can't do that. The rules say..."

BIRSAN: Well, my rules say..."

WALKER: What are those little square cardboard things?

KONING: Have another beer, Dirac.

KEY: I suppose you're wondering why I called you here...

KONING: Have another beer, Dirac.

JOHNSTON: Excuse me, but those are my bombers you're attacking.

BIRSAN: That's right, I'm wiping them out.

KONING: Have another beer, Dirac.

WINDLAD: Hold it! (click)

KONING: I have to go to the cellar for another case of beer for Dirac. Excuse me.

WALKER: Why can't I move the pink things, too?

KEY: Because they're the enemy!

WALKER: Can I ally with them, then?

KONING: Oy, oy, help!! I was attacked by a ferocious tiger in the cellar!

CAT: Rowrrrr, rowrrrrrrrr, pfffft!

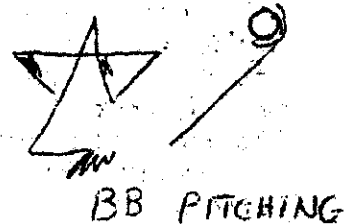
MRS. KONING: Who spilled beer on the rug? Whose blood is this?

NELSON: Kill Yanks.

MOTORCYCLE GANG LEADER: All reet youse guys, dis is uh raid. Where's da beer?

SAMANTHA THAUMATURGE: Cooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo. Rattle, rattle (chains).

(Fade...)



PANDEMONIUM REVIEW

As you know, most of Pandemonium's 'zines are going into limbo for a while while I'm moving. This section will be revived when there's more to write about.

RULES MIASMA

The Rules of Diplomacy are written in such a way that there is plenty of room for lots of variety. Interpreting ambiguities in the Rules has given us such things as Brannen's Rule, Miller's Rule, and the Coastal Crawl. Whether you use these or not, your game is still a regular game, because your decision depends on how you read the Rules and they can be interpreted to support either stand you take.

There are, however, certain basic concepts upon which the game depends and if they be departed from, the game ceases to be "Diplomacy" and is only a variant. For instance, if I announced a "rule" that two units could occupy the same space, and then had the unmitigated gall to call my games "regular", I am sure I would hear plenty of complaints about it. Unfortunately, this sort of thing is actually going on. Equally unfortunately, the worst offender is the 'zine I enjoy reading more than any other.

It is one thing to announce in advance that you are going to have screwy rules. That way, people who want to play a real regular game, rather than a variant in masquerade, can stay away. It is another thing to announce, in mid-stream, that you are going to redesign things on some vagrant whim. This latter is apparently what has happened in INTERNATIONAL ENQUIRER (unless, like the fake XENOLOGIC "rules", we are victims of a practical "joke"). With three regular games under way, the 'zine has just announced

that it is throwing out the Rulebook and substituting some less-than-half-baked ideas of the editors'. These include:

a. Convoy through Kiel, Constantinople, and Denmark. The Rules state clearly that only fleets in a body of water may convoy. This is not an interpretation, but an out-and-out change. Furthermore, it has the effect of grossly weakening the position of Russia.

b. The Changing of the Guard. This, too, is contrary to the Rules. It may be asked, if convoyed exchange and the Coastal Crawl are legal, why not this? The answer is, because the first two are not actually exchanges. If one accepts Dan Brannan's interpretation of what a convoy is, and if one accepts the interpretation of the word "space" to make a couple-coasted province consist of two "spaces" vis-a-vis fleets, then these "exchanges" are not that at all. The Changing of the Guard, however, is a pure and simple exchange. It was first suggested in EREWON as a joke and, like the author of The Purple Cow, "I'm sorry that I wrote it". It's illegal in a regular game.

c. The Bogey-Man Rule, which states, in effect, that if A Por is dislodged by F Spa(sc), it may retreat to Spa(nc), with future moves limited as if it were a fleet. This is so manifestly contrary to the rules, it requires no further comment. I might point out, however, that if one allows the Changing of the Guard, then the coast limitation is wholly inconsistent with that so-called "rule", as well as being contrary to the rules. This is not only having your cake and eating it too, but getting interest on it as well.

The lame excuse offered by I.E. for these innovations is that they desire to be different. Since I.E. was already the most unique 'zine, I cannot see this as any sort of valid excuse for playing hanky-panky with the Rules.

Since I dislike surprises as much as anybody, this constitutes advance notice of my official position. If it turns out that these "rules" in I.E. are something other than a put-on, I will have to remove games 1967AE, 1967AV, and 1969A from my rating lists, and I will have to resign from 1967AV. In the meantime, I suggest that potential players steer clear of I.E. unless they want to play in a variant.

In addition, the Changing of the Guard is also used, in a modified version, in LIASONS (sic) DANGEREUSES. Much as I dislike saying anything unkind about a fellow IFW 'zine, I must again warn potential players about this anomaly. LD games are variants and, unfortunately, I cannot rate them. I sincerely doubt that other rating systems will include games that use the Changing of the Guard, either.

that's not all, folks...

WALKER'S DILEMMA

Behold, the Rulebook sayeth, "an order to move, with support, against a unit belonging to the same country as the moving or supporting unit is of no effect." Now! lo! we have the following position: FRA: A Bur, A Ruh; GER: A Mun, A Sil; ITA: A Boh, A Tyr. Germany knows France and Italy are Allied. He suspects that France has been promised Munich and will attack with Italian support. Further, he thinks he knows which unit will actually attack. He cannot save Munich—but wait! Does he see a ploy? The moves submitted are as follows: FRA: A Bur-Mun (S) by A Ruh; ITA: A Boh & A Tyr (S) FRENCH A Bur-Mun; GER: A Mun (H), A Sil (S) FRENCH A Bur-Mun. Does A Bur-Mun fail? If the Rules are to be interpreted with exact literalness, it does, because of the rule quoted above. And yet, would even our strict Literalitarians, John Boardman and Conrad vonMetzke, rule in that fashipn? I do not know, but hope they will make some sort of pronouncement. For myself, I would not so rule. It seems to me that the intent of the Rules, and an underlying tenet of the game is and must be that a unit ordered to move, with valid support, cannot fail to move unless countered with equal or superior strength or the province attacked is occupied by one of the same country's units. Therefore, in this situation (above), it seems to me that the effect of the rule quoted is not to invalidate the French order, but to invalidate the German support. Therefore, do not bother to try this ploy in my 'zines. It will fail. The next edition of my House-Rules will contain a section to that effect. I would, however, be interested in commentary from others—particularly John Boardman and Conrad vonMetzke, as well as John McCallum and Don Miller.

1. New Schedule. When EREHWON resumes publication, probably some time in October, it will be on a new schedule. I cannot afford the time to put together a 'zine of this size once a month. Therefore I am going to try for a regular schedule every 6 weeks. However, the games will proceed by carbon copy so that more than one season, hopefully a full year, will appear each issue (a la LONELY MOUNTAIN).
2. Meanwhile, during the summer, all EREHWON games (save 1969G) will be carried by John McCallum in Serendip.
3. A new Mailing List (dated 16 June 1969) is out. If you don't have a copy by now, one will be enclosed with this issue.
4. OLYMPIA is a new 'zine projected by Rich Rubin. His fee for GMs trading with him is \$1. I do not know his fee for non-trades. Those interested in games should inquire with Rich.
5. Aberration IV, Pandemonium's new 9-man game, still needs players to start in ZOTHIQUE. Fee is \$4 (\$3 if you are an IPW or NFFF Games Bureau regular). This game adds Sweden and Spain and has many nice rules--such as combat factors for units, three seasons of moves before adjustments, the Spring Raid, and many more.
6. THE DIPLOMAT #27, says Eric Just, is a fake, not put out by him. Do tell! It looks like the real thing and was mailed from Paoli and all like that. I think it's dreadful that somebody would go and publish an issue of somebody else's magazine. The question is, who did this dastardly thing? Eric Just says he suspects me, as I have a motive (EREHWINA), but my machine is a mimeo, not a ditto; besides, whom do I know in Paoli (besides Eric)? Other suspects (according to Eric): Jeff Key (but his ditto has been broken down for lack of a wick for some time and he lacks motive), Conrad vonMetzke (who has been incapacitated recently, however), and others. Frankly, only one person has the opportunity (right location, correct typewriter, &c.) and the motive (to pin the blame on me), and that is Eric Just himself! J'accuse, Eric! You put out the "fake" DIPLOMAT yourself!! For shame, trying to blame poor innocent me, Jeff, Conrad, &c. Ha! Sherlock Walker has done it again; elementary, my dear Watson.
7. I need variants. Are you designing variants? Would you like them published? I'll be glad to do so in LOMOKOME. Just send your map and rules. I will also run off extra copies of both and send you some, if you desire.
8. Abbreviations. To conform more closely with the Rules, EREHWON will use "Eas" and "Wes" instead of "EMed" and "WMed". If I think of it, we will also be using "Bot" and "Lyo" instead of "GBot" and "GLyo".
9. DUNVEGAN is apparently a dead letter. Larry StCyr has written Jeff Key that he intends to take over "Game D" and publish it in a 'zine to be called GLORY ROAD. As for XANADU, however, Charles Welsh has written me to the effect that its games continue via carbon copy and that an issue may be published "soon".
10. A VOTE: I have no policy at the moment on the following question: may a player who has been previously eliminated in a game be a stand-by player for the same game? I have allowed this in variant games in the absence of any other stand-by. However, for regular games I need a firm policy. I am mildly opposed to the idea, but don't really care. Therefore, you are invited to vote "yes" or "no" on this question--yes, the player may be a stand-by; no, he may not be. Send your votes to: John McCallum. John: do not count any vote arriving after Tuesday, 5 August 1969. PERIOD. Majority wins. Period.
11. YE OLDE BUSIE BULLETTYNNE BOARDDE promises to be the information center of postal Diplomacy. Published punctually every 3 weeks by Jeff Key, this 'zine contains all the latest address changes, game openings, and whatnot. Indispensible to the player and editor who wants to keep up. Price: \$1 for 12 (cheap)--\$1 for 24 if you also get THE VOICE (and you should!).
12. John Boardman, the New Generation's answer to Descartes ("I don't think, but I am anyway"), has been singled out for a particularly effective blast by Brenton VerPloeg. Brenton accuses John of setting me up as a straw man, knowing that I don't believe the things he says I do. This is obviously true, since John's reasoning in politics is incapable of knocking over anything but straw men. John has lately been going through the old refrain of accusing me of "war worship", favoring the War in Vietnam and war generally, and so on. I have challenged him to prove these scurrilous statements. Thus far, the silence from Brooklyn is of many decibels.

BREST, VENICE, BRUSSELS SITTING DUCKS?

Winter 1907/Spring 1908: Steve Perrin, England, missed the Spring moves and Pete Comber has been asked to submit Fall moves as stand-by.

ENGLAND (Perrin): (E) F Eng. By S.O.: F Cly-Lpl, F Lon-Eng.

FRANCE (Evans): (E) retreating F Lon. F Iri-Mid (S) by F Wes, A Gas-Spa (S) by A Mar, A Bel (H), A Pic-Bur.

GERMANY (Cochran): (B) A Ber. A Ber-Mun, F Kie-Hol, A Mun-Ruh, A Pru-Ber, F Hol-Eng (impossible).

ITALY (Welsh): A Tri (R)-Ven, F Ion (R)-Nap. (E) F Atr. A Ven-Rom, A Tyr-Ven, F Nap-Tyr, F Tun-Tyr.

RUSSIA (Beyerlein): (B) F StP(nc), A Mos. F StP(nc)-Nwy, A Mos-Lva (S) by A War, F Nrg-Nat, A Swe (H), A Boh-Tyr (S) by A Tri & A Vie, A Sil-Boh, F Spa(sc)-Wes /D//Por by prearrangement/, F Nat-Mid, A Ser (S) A Tri, A Gal-Bud, F Aeg (S) TURK F Eas-Ion.

TURKEY (Zelazny): No change. F Ion-Nap, F Eas-Ion, F Alb-Adr.

RECEIPT DEADLINE for Fall 1908 moves was set for 9 Jul 69 in Canada.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

LONDON: The nation mourns, and ducks for cover, as the Death Barge takes the entirely too mortal remains of Prince Protector Oliver down the Thames to an unknown end. A victim of French connivery, the Prince Protector, newly returned from Wherever, was cruelly betrayed by Malegigi (recently transposed to this continuum from Somewhere) and struck down in the streets of Liverpool. Only the action of Lord Protector Oliver himself, leading a flying wedge of Tharkian Marines, saved the body from the depravities due to be heaped upon it by the French. Meantime, the civil war between the Lord Protector and his younger son, Fagin, continues.

BERLIN (25 Dec 1907): The Kaiser sends a message of thanks to the Tsar for his refusal to intervene when the Reich was sorely beset by the Peerifidious French.

BERLIN (5 Jan 08): To London: Congratulations upon your doughty defense against the fealthy Frogs! Hold the fort for we are coming! Frankreich erstört sein muss!

BERNE (5 Jan 08): German Ambassador to French Ambassador: "Pacta servanda sunt!"

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ITALY HLOATS, RUSSIA CRUMBLES

Fall 1907: In the Spring moves, everybody seemed to notice that the German and Italian moves to Tyrolia both failed. Naturally, I just do that to keep you-all on your toes (heh, heh, heh).

ENGLAND (Welsh): F Lon-Eng, F Mid-Wes, F Por-Spa(sc), F Eng-Mid (S) by F Bre.

Owms: Edi, Lpl, Lon, Bre, Por (5). No change.

FRANCE (Linden): A Gas-Bur (S) by A Mar. Owms: ~~F Atr~~, Mar, ~~Spa~~ (1). Remove 1 (1/A/).

GERMANY (Birsan): A Mun-Tyr (S) by A Boh, A Pic-Bur, A Bur-Gas (S) by A Par, F Kie -Hol. Owms: Ber, Kie, Mun, Den, Hol, Bel, Par (7). Build 1.

ITALY (Jones): A Ven-Tyr (S) by A Vie, F Wes-Spa(sc) (S) by F Lyo, A Arm-Ank (S) by F Con, F Smy (S) F Con, F Ion-Tun, A Bul (S) A Rum, A Eud-Gal, A Ukr-Sev (S) by A Rum. Owms: Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Tri, Vie, Bud, Gre, Rum, Smy, Ser, Bul, Con, Ank, Spa, Sev (16). Build 2 (no room for other 2).

RUSSIA (Manogg): A Ank-Smy /A/, A StP-Lva, A Mos-Ukr, F Nwy (H), F Sev-Rum (S) by F Bla (F Sev /D//Arm/), A War-Gal. Owms: Mos, StP, ~~Spa~~, War, ~~Kie~~, Swe, Nwy, Ank (5). Remove 1 (2 /A/).

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NEWS OF THE WORLD

MARSEILLES (18 Aug 07): The new Chief of State, Sir Enguerrand de Guscelin, took one look at the military situation and promptly fainted. General Tilleul took his place to deliver the inaugural address. "France may be doomed, but so what? We will make them pay for every Angstrom of ground, and fleet to Corsica, to the Azores, to anywhere we can reach! We will fight them on the hills, in the streets, on the beaches, in the casinos, on the roofs, in the trees in the air in the rivers in the newspapers..." At this point, he was struck dead by thundering apoplexy. The reast of the city busied itself imitating the sage behavior of Ben-Hadad when the hosts of Israel were upon him--getting drunk.

JAMAICA, NEW YORK (8 Sep 07): Today the Madlyn /sic/ Murray Award for Bad Taste was presented to Rodney Walker, a Poderkaggian refugee living in Pantoul, Illinois. Dr. William Lee, President of the Free University of Brooklyn (free from "liberators") remarked, "westerners continually seem to distinguish themselves in this field. Doubtless it comes of living out there, so far from all centers of Culture."

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA (13 Sep 07): Not to be outdone, the local chapter of the University of California today presented the Anthony Comstock Grand Grumpy Award for Sour Grapes to William B. Linden, of some obscure village in New York. Linden promptly challenged University Chancellor, Rodnatzky Klifovich Walkoff, to a duel as to who could get an altar-load of wood burning first. Linden soaked his with water and started praying. Walkoff, using a magnifying glass, soon got a merry blaze going. Observed His Majesty, King Pandemonium V of Poderkagg, on hand to present the award, "Well, so much for that fable!"

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ELITZKRIEG THREATENS MOSCOW, WARSAW, AS BORSCHIKRIEG REACHES ISTANBUL

Spring 1905:

- AUSTRIA (Peery): A Vie-Gal, A Bud-Rum, A Rum-Bul (S) by A Ser, A Tri-Alb.
- ENGLAND (Carey): F Edi-Nth (S) by F Hol, F Bel, & F Hel, F Eng (H).
- FRANCE (Birsan): F Mis (S) A Spa, A Spa (S) GERMAN A Bur-Mar (not so ordered) /D/ /Gas, Por/.
- GERMANY (Eller): A Ber-Fru, A Kle-Den, A Bre (H), A Bur-Ruh, A Swe-Lva (C) by F Bal, F Den-Ska.
- ITALY (Polan): F Tyr-Tun, F Lyo-Spa(sc) (S) by F Weg & A Mar, A Pie-Ven.
- RUSSIA (Koning): IIA Arm-Smy, IIIA Sev-Con (C) by IIF Bla and (S) by IA Ank, IF Nwy (H) (S) by IVA Fin.
- TURKEY (Rusiecki): F Con-Ank /A/, A Gre-Smy (C) by F Aeg.

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NEWS OF THE ~~WORLD~~ PEERY

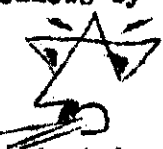
VIENNA (3 Feb 05): The Grand Council of Greater Peerisites, meeting here in solemn convocation to elect the 302nd Emperor of the Holy Peerian Empire, today chose the Lord Mayor of Bratislava, Tetzal, as the new Emperor. In his coronation address Emperor Tetzal announced he would personally take command of Austrian armies in the field and lead a new crusade against the Turkish infidels. Tetzal reaffirmed Austria's long alliance with Russia and vowed Austria would never be the one to break it.

BUDAPEST (23 Feb 05): The Department of Military Science at the University of Peerimiasin today voted, 13-11, to reject the Just Right-Hand Rule. The vote was especially noteworthy since, according to Department Chairman Colonel Natiebumpo, all right-handed members of the department voted against the new rule, all left-handed members voted for it, and all ambidextrous members were absent for the vote. The Department of Defense of the Empire is conducting an investigation into student complaints that the vote was conducted in an under-handed manner.

ST. PEERIGRAD (Inter-office Memo): Naturally, it wasn't luck at all. We enjoy the special protection of those angels and saints still remaining on the list of Observo Romano Gossido after the recent debacle of new leftism in Rome. Meanwhile, further tampering with the Sacred Calendar of Saints and Other Odd Fellows by the Masons or Mooses will be punished.

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BB BITCHING

Winter 1904/Spring 1905: Spring moves were missed by Austria and England. Stand-by moves were requested from Lawrence Rusiecki (Austria) and Mike Goldstein (England).

- AUSTRIA (Linden): (B) F Tri. NMR. F Tri, A Gal, A Bud, A Ven, A Ser, A Boh, A Tus, & F Tyr /H/.
- ENGLAND (Wilcox): No change. NMR: F Ska, F Eng, A Par, A Bre, & A Lpl /H/.
- FRANCE (Beyerlein): (E) F Nat. F Wes-Lyo, A Spa-Gas (S) by A Mar.

GERMANY (Payne): No change. A Mun-Sil, A Ruh-Mun, A Kie-Ber, A Bur (S) ENGLISH A Par-Gas (not so ordered), A Pic (S) A Bur, F Bel (H).

ITALY (Gemignani): F Tun (H). (No change).

RUSSIA (Evans): No change. A Fin-Swe (S) by F Nwy, A War-Sil, A Ukr (H) (S) by A Mos.

TURKEY (Munroe): (B) A Smy. A Smy (H), A Bul-Rum, A Rum-Sev (S) by A Arm, F Sev-Ela, F Bla-Bul (ec).

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NEWS OF THE WORLD

FIUME (18 Nov 04): Today the population of Fiume, together with the foreign diplomatic colony, descended upon the Conference for Imperial Reorganization and attempted to drive it out of town. Captain Buonaparte insisted on going out to disperse them with a whiff of something or other, but was felled by a shot from the Sardinian representative. Prince Ferenczi succeeded in bringing up cannon emplacements, and managed to demolish 10 churches and 15 shops, and blow up the military powder magazine. Whereupon the Conference adjourned sine die. Most of the survivors landed in Karlovac, except Count Aerenthal, who turned up in Ravenna, and Ferenczi, who went off sailing in the general direction of Hernia.

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AUSTRIA DEEP IN THE ~~WART~~ BACK OF ITALY, RUSSIA, TURKEY

Spring 1904:

AUSTRIA (Smythe): A Vie-Tyr, F Adr-Ion, A Sev-Arm, A Rum-Gal, A Tyr-Ven (S) by F Tri, A War-Lva (S) by A Mos, A Bul-Smy (C) by F Aeg.

ENGLAND (Cochran): A Yor-Hol (C) by F Nth, F Mid-Wes, A Swe-Den, F Den-Kie, A StP (H), F Nwy-Swe.

FRANCE (White): A Mar-Pie (S) by A Tus, A Par-Bur, A Bel (S) ENGLISH A Yor-Hol, A Pic-Bel, A Bur-Ruh, F Rom-Tyr.

GERMANY (Garbis): A Kie-Ruh (S) by A Mun, F Bel-Kie (S) by A Hol (A Hol /A/).

ITALY (Keathley): F Ion-Tyr, A Nap-Rom, A Tun (H), F Con (S) AUSTRIAN A Bul-Smy.

TURKEY (vonMetzke): F Eas (H), A Ank (H).

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NEWS OF THE WORLD

ROME: From his secret headquarters, King Murat claims to have recently bugged a State Dinner given by the French Admiral Crape Elancho. "He's an interesting fellow," said the King, "but he doesn't like garlic in the spaghetti sauce and he thinks a UFO is the latest in contraceptive techniques."

VATICAN CITY: Pope Pariah, after Admiral Blanche's first visit, was heard to say, "The idiot doesn't like brown sugar in the spaghetti sauce and he thinks an IUD is some sort of flying saucer."

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WHEREFORE ART THOU, ITALY???

Winter 1903/Spring 1904: Mike Childers was requested to send fall stand-by moves for England, as Karl Wittmann has missed his moves.

AUSTRIA (May): A Sil-Gal /D//Boh/, A Tyr-Tri, A Tri-Bud (S) by A Vie, F Gre (S) A Bul, A Bul (S) F Gre. (no change, winter)

ENGLAND (Goldstein): (B) A Edi, F Lpl, F Lon. A Edi-Nwy (C) by F Nth, F Lpl-Iri, F Lon-Eng, F Bre-Gas (S) by A Par, F Por-Spa(sc), F StP(nc)-Swe (impossible), A Ruh-Bel.

FRANCE (Comber): No change. A Bur-Bel, A Spa-Mar.

GERMANY (Kuch): (B) A Kie. A Kie (S) A Ber, A Gal-Sil (S) by A Mun & A Ber, A Den-Swe, F Swe-Bel.

ITALY (Wittmann): No change. NMR. A Pie, A Ven, A Apu, & F Ion /H/.

RUSSIA (Evans): (B) A Mos, A Sev, A Vos-Lva, A Sev-Mos, A War-Gal, A Smy-Con, A Ank-Arm, F Con-Aeg, F Pru-Ber.

SWEDEN (Gustavus Adolphus XIII): (B) A Malmö. A Malmö-Stockholm, A Narvik-Murmansk, A Sleswig-Köbenhavn, F Jutland-Kattegat.

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VIENNA (10 Mar 04): Emperor Eldrich today concluded an alliance with the County of Lurch against the meanie Poderkaggians. Also included in the alliance were certain sheep, goats, and pigs, who were ordered to form an animal-controlled farm in Ikipu.

GASTRITIS (11 Mar 04): Furious and waxing wroth indeed, King Pandemonium V demanded of His court to know exactly who has been passing himself off as the Count of Lurch and signing "alliances" with the Austrian ruler. "We are not particularly amused by this sort of practical joke. Anyone who wants to pull Austria's leg can go do so, but we forbid attempts to pass as the Count of Lurch. That is an insult to Our majesty, particularly as the Autocephalous County of Lurch is an integral part of metropolitan Poderkagg and more particularly as We are the Count of Lurch!"

VIENNA (13 Mar 04): Emperor Eldrich today accepted an alliance offer from the L.O. L. Bingo Club of Pasadena. The reason that the L.O.L. want to fight against the Poderkaggians is to purify their barbaric bingo rituals.

GASTRITIS (14 Mar 04) (Butler Press /as was 11 Mar 04 release/): "Bingo?" asked King Pandemonium. "Who plays bingo???"

NUEVO LAS VEGAS (30 Mar 04): The 1st Austrian Army Corps and the 3rd L.O.L. Army Corps today captured the first Poderkaggian Infantry, consisting of 5 bingo drummers.

GRAZ (1 Apr 04) (Butler Press): "Infantry?" asked King Pandemonium. "Who has infantry???" As His Majesty was being interviewed, the XV, XVI, XVIII, XIX, XX, XXI, and XXII Panzer Corps rumbled through this captured Austrian city on their way to the siege of Vienna. Meanwhile, reports are that the 101st Airborne Division has been parachuted into the Austrian capital, but he caught by the seat of his pants on top of St. Stephen's Cathedral.

NUEVO LAS VEGAS (15 Apr 04) (Butler Press): Mario G. Nostra, owner of the Rancho El Belial, one of the larger casinos in NLV, today reported that the Austrian First Army Corps was still at the roulette and fan-tan tables, hoping their luck would change. "So far," reported Mario, "they've lost their entire wages through 1986, their uniforms, their weapons, and a half-interest in the Danube."

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AUSTRIA, RUSSIA, FRANCE ON BRINK OF OBLIVION

Winter 1903/Spring 1904: Russell Boggs, Russia, missed the Spring move. Hal Naus was asked to submit stand-by moves for Fall 1904.

AUSTRIA (Goldstein): No change. A Alb-Gre (S) by A Ser (A Ser /A/), A Bul-Rum.

ENGLAND (Deshara): (B) A Lon, F ERL. A Lon (H), F Edi-Nth, F Den-Swe, F Por-Spa (sc) (S) by F Mid, F Bre-Gas, A Nwy (S) GERMAN F Swe-Fin.

FRANCE (Kinney): No change. A Spa-Mar /A/, A Gas-Bur (S) by A Par.

GERMANY (McCandlish): No change. A Pru-War (S) by A Sil, A Bur-Mar, F Swe-Fin, A Pic-Par, A Ruh-Muh.

ITALY (Mebans): A Ven-Tri, A Tri-Ser (S) by A Bud, F Adr-Alb, F Aeg-Gre (S) by F Ion, A Vie (S) A Bud.

RUSSIA (Boggs): (B) A Mos. NMR. A Mos, F GBot, A Gal /H/.

TURKEY (Key): (B) A Smy, A Ank. A Smy-Con, A Ank-Arm, F Rum-Bla, F Sev (S) AUSTRIAN A Bul-Rum, A Con-Bul.

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NEWS OF THE WORLD?

MARSEILLES: Chapter 3, p. 52, The Munchkin Genocide of Oz. "Ooooh, Billina, look! It's the Gnasty Gnome of the Gnorth, come to steal our Majik Marbles of Marsayles!" And, indeed, it was. "Quick, Dorothy!" urged the quick-thinking hen, "rub the Wundrus Wring of the Winkies and transport us to the safety of the Pritti Palace of Parrus!" But, alas, the Horrid Heshuns of High Purrbowles already had had the exact same idea, and the Fabulous Fortress was completely destroyed. "Ooooh, Toto, what a fix! I sure wish we were in Kansas now! Where are those darned good fairies and witches when you need them?" "Mistress," replied the quick-thinking dog, "it appears that they are in Kansas."

PERM (26 Nov 03): Today the Russian government completed its transfer to this city. The reason, first announced yesterday, was to promote the growth of the Trans-Siberian Railroad. No mention was given to the more probable reason, that no battle is raging for

this city. The move was made without mishap. The only exception is that the Tsar is missing.

MOSCOW (24 Dec 03): The last recruit for the Tsar's new "Army of Heroes" Corps arrived at the recruiting station. When asked what he thought about the Tsar's raising the draft age by 5 years, thereby making him eligible, 84-year-old Vladimir Nevsky of Siberia replied, "Eh?" This new corps is being hurriedly raised to defend the former capital from the rising threat from the west, south, and north. They are being equipped with the new Broomstick Mk. I rifle. For artillery support, the corps will be amply provided with rocks. The corps commander was unavailable for comment on anything in his new headquarters. In order to raise the troops' morale, the building is decorated with Christmas lights. Unfortunately, the only lights available were red. An unconfirmed report says that the lights were there before the general moved in.

VLADIVOSTOK (24 Dec 03): The "Watchman" Corps has been formed here. Announcement of the new corps was made by the military governor from the back platform of a fast-receding train. The corps lives up to its name, in that it was a watchman before it went blind in 1899. The corps will celebrate his 100th birthday in 11 days.

CONSTANTINOPLE (7 Dec 03): In his first public appearance since assuming the leadership of the Ottoman Empire eighteen months ago, Anahtar has spoken to the people of Constantinople, praising their courage and determination in having overcome the dangers threatening the heart of the Empire at the time of his coronation. On a more serious note, he went on to warn the people that there was much to do before the Empire "can be safe from imperialistic aggressions by Western European Nations."

VADUZ, LIECHTENSTEIN (4 Jan 69): Prince Karl declared war on Warrenstein, the world's only independent county, in a speech today. Among the reasons given were: indignations heaped upon Liechtenstein nationals living there, stone-throwing mobs attacking the embassy, acts of unprovoked aggression, and, most terrible of all, their attempt to muscle into the business of selling stamps to collectors. The Prince is raising an army for the first time since 1868. The army is partially financed by SanMarino, which is also resentful of this attempt to enter the stamp market. The army's plan of action is to make a forced parade from Vaduz to the Rhein, along streets crowded with the citizens of Liechtenstein, throwing confetti and singing the "Liechtensteinische Volkshymne". The crowds will have to try to keep up with the army, as there is insufficient population to cover the way from Vaduz to the Rhein with large crowds. Upon reaching the Rhein, the army will encamp and wait for someone to tell them where Warrenstein is.

WARRENSCHLOSS, WARRENSTEIN (24 May 69): Fall has come and gone and now Winter is upon us and the warring powers of Europe are busy forging plowshares into swords. Yes, this has been a busy year. A year that saw the fall of two Great Powers - France and Russia - and the revival of Turkey. Austria has continued to hold back the Italians; but now, with the loss of Budapest and Trieste, the noose begins to tighten. Meanwhile, along the Western edges of the continent, Europe has begun to take on a definite tinge of black and blue as Germany and England continue their unopposed takeover of France-- unopposed by all except France, that is. We fear that battle will end very shortly. And we refuse to accept bets as to that combine's next victim -- only time will tell.

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TURKS STOMP RUSSIANS; AUSTRIANS TO CLOBBER GERMANS?

Winter 1902/Spring 1903: Paul Mahoney resigned as Turkey after making the Winter removal. He was replaced by Hal Naus.

AUSTRIA (Mebane): (B) A Tri. A Tri-Tyr, A Boh-Sil, A Vie-Boh, F Bul(sc)-Aeg (S) by F Gre, A Ser-Bul.

ENGLAND (Boggs): (B) F Lon, F Edi. F Lon-Eng, F Edi-Nth, F Eng-Mid (S) by F Por, A Nwy (H), F Den (S) RUSSIAN F Lva-Bal.

FRANCE (May): A Mar (R)-Bur. No change. A Bur-Mar (S) by A Gas & F Spa(sc) /A/.

GERMANY (McCandlish/Jones): (E) retreating F Swe. (B) A Kie. A Mun-Sil, A Kie-Hol (S) by A Bel, A Pru-Ber, F Bal-Kie.

ITALY (Brooks): (B) F Nap. F Nap-Ion, A Naf-Spa (C) by F Wes and (S) by F Glys & A Mar (A Mar /D//Pie/).

RUSSIA (Key): No change. F Lva-Bal, A War (S) AUSTRIAN A Boh-Sil, A Rum (S) AUSTRIAN A Ser-Bul, F Swe (S) ENGLISH F Den, F Arm-Bla /A/, A Sev-Arm.

TURKEY (Naus): (E) retreating A Bul (by Mahoney). F Aeg-Con, A Ank-Arm (S) by F Bla. RECEIPT DEADLINE for Fall 1903 moves was set for 9 Jul 69, in Canada.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

PARIS (3 Mar 02) (PPPpress): At his latest news conference, King Rudl had one statement to read: "I want my Mommy!"

MUNICH (20 Dec 02): The English dogs will never set foot on German soil. Our armies have been told to fight to the last man. As the great prophet once said, "England needs an ally on the continent to win."

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SHIPYARDS BUSY!

Winter 1901: This game will not be transferred to SerenDip, but will remain with me, to be conducted by carbon copy.

AUSTRIA (Welsh): No change. GERMANY (Lindsay): (B) A Mun, F Ber, F Kie.

ENGLAND (Wells): (B) F Lon. RUSSIA (Johnston): (B) F StP(nc), A War.

FRANCE (Childers): (B) F Bre. TURKEY (Perkins): (B) F Ank.

ITALY (Evans): (B) F Nap.

Analysis--Allan B. Calhamer

The raises (F Bre, F Ber, F Kie, F StP nc) indicate that England faces the combined action of France, Germany, and northern Russia. In countries, the ratio is $2\frac{1}{2}:1$, where the one is the strongest one. In units, about 12:4; in fleets, 7:3. A short way to say all this, in terms we have used before, is that the third-level world system ("get England and Turkey") is in effect in the northern half of the board.

The task of England is obviously delay and diplomacy. The problem faced by the allies are two: internal temptation and the rear. Apoyos of temptation, prospects for a German-Russian falling out are dimmed by the fact that both countries are slightly strong, relative to their usual positions. These countries seldom do well to fight early in the game, anyway. In any case, the temptation is not very strong unless a knock-out is in prospect; and even then, the winner would still have England in his rear. On the other hand, if Russia should acquire Norway, she would begin to build up a kind of geographical overhang over Germany; and it might be some time before Germany received compensating spoil. However, a fleet in the North Sea, backed up by the two other fleets, might be considered compensation for a supply center.

Between Germany and France prospects of a falling out are slightly heightened by the fact that France is raising slowly. Also one of her armies is far off in Spain. However, the narrowness of the North European Plain at this point, the fact that France has another raise coming in, and the fact that she can get back from Spain pretty fast (but not both of the last two considerations) militate against a German attack. Also, the bulk of French wealth is far away in Mar, Spa, and Por; in the north, she is a bony chicken. The nature of the raises is cause for trust among the northern allies, however.

In the rear, there is no likelihood at all of an Austrian attack on the northern powers, since Austria is small and under Russian attack, and hardly ever attacks Germany anyway. Italy, however, is a disrupter of the third-level world system, because it does not offer her any good outlet for expansion. She may wait around a while, but the temptation to do something expansive is likely to increase. She now hangs over Austria like a wall of water, but if she goes that way, she lets the Turkish genie out of the bottle; and she has longer-range problems because her fleets are not very useful, except to attack Greece or defend the first layer of trans-Adriatic holdings. Her armies do not always mobilize fast enough, either; that is, the newly raised ones have to go all the way around the Adriatic.

Turning to the other side, an Italian attack on France takes pressure off England. The prospective three supply centers (Por, Spa, Mar -- we seem to need a name for this group; maybe Cote d'Or?) form a compact addition to the empire. But France has a raise coming, and Italy can get only three pieces into action, and it takes a while. Of course, there is always the possibility that a prospective attack in the rear could be joined, diplomatically, with one of the temptations in the North.

In the Balkans, the crystal ball is as murky as it ever has been. The Turkish raise F Ank seems unnecessary for defense, and not awfully exciting on the offensive side. We would have preferred A Smy, to go against Russia, or F Smy, to go against the Balkans. Turkey may be equivocating for diplomatic reasons, but she is not in much danger, what with Russia and Austria fighting each other. Indeed, the weakness of Austria suggests that the pickings are better than usual in the Balkans, and that it may be necessary to get in there fast to pick up pieces if Austria goes down. Turkey figures on walking into Greece, we suppose, and he must do it at once to do it unopposed; however, it is typically better to lump your development in one direction, beyond what is needed for a rear guard.

/NOTE BY EDITOR: This is by way of disagreement with Mr. Calhamer. Not an entire disagreement, but one of emphasis. The estimate being presented of England's strength is over-large. Given, for instance, that either France or Russia were neutral, an alliance between Germany and the other of them should be able to defeat England. The combination of all three reduces the war against England to a quick-march. England has 1 fleet in the south to defend against 2 and 2 fleets in the north to defend against 4 or 5. England's chief strength lies, not in the number of her units, but in the fact that getting France, Germany, and Russia to cooperate is a task of inordinate (but not insurmountable) difficulty. Not the least of the problems is that the division of the spoils always results in a geographic monstrosity which gives somebody (usually Germany) the defensive short end of the stick. For this reason, a "get England" alliance is particularly unwieldy./

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ENGLAND IS NOT ALONE; GERMANY, ITALY BREAKING OUT ALL OVER

Spring 1902:

AUSTRIA (Welsh): A Vie-Gal (S) by A Bud (A Bud /D//Vie/), F Alb-Gre.

ENGLAND (Wells): F Lon-Wal (S) by A Yor, F Nwy (S) GERMAN F Den-Swe, F Nth-Lon

FRANCE (Childers): F Bre-Mid, A Spa (H), A Pic-Wal (C) by F Eng.

GERMANY (Lindsay): F Ber-Bal, F Kie-Hol, A Hol-Rth, A Bol-Bur (S) by A Mun, F Den-Swe.

ITALY (Evans): F Nap-Ion, A Ven-Tri, A Tyr-Pie, F Tun-Wes.

RUSSIA (Johnston): F ~~SEP(nc)-Nyz~~, A War-Ukr, F Sev-Bla, A Gal-Bud (S) by A Rum, F Swe (S) GERMAN F Den-Ska (not so ordered).

TURKEY (Perkins): F Ank-Con, A Bul-Ser, A Con-Bul (S) by F Bla.

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Analysis--Allan B. Calhamer

Germany has suddenly pulled out of the anti-English alliance and attacked both her former allies. This action means first that Germany has given up one clear opportunity to rid herself of England. Second, it means that, if Germany is successful in her new course, she will still have England on her back, and will be in the position that France and Germany have been in since the 17th Century: England may concentrate on fleets, while they must distribute their attention between armies and fleets. We wonder whether Germany should have attacked both these countries or concentrated on one of them. Both England and the other ex-ally might have been displeased over a single stab, but might not have done anything about it, because they have other things to do. All three of Germany, France, and Russia are unprepared for this new alignment, with the result that the battles are being fought with relatively tiny numbers. Germany is attacking Russia with nothing but two fleets, and France with just three armies, of which one may not be able to get in; yet her opponents have very little to defend with.

France is a bony chicken to eat: her supply centers are far away and somewhat scattered, and it is hard to get into France. We note, for example, that there is only one way that France can certainly be deprived of a supply center during the year of the surprise attack, and that is if Italy supports Germany into Marseilles. Italy may not want Germany in her own path in this way, especially as Germany can solidify with an immediate follow into Burgundy against any opposition. However, it may be in the plan to give Germany Paris and Marseilles; Italy, Iberia; and England, Brest. This 2:2:1 split is reasonable because England has the best position. If Germany also took Sweden, she would have 9 to England's 5 and Italy's 7, but Germany might still have the weakest position in general and be between the other two to boot. It would be a mistake to assume that the

alliance structure will remain in its present form for long. England having just become very much more secure, by virtue of the mistrust and confusion sown among her former attackers, suddenly has a much freer hand diplomatically.

Italy's move from Tyr to Pie may well be more important than her occupation of Tri. Normally, a surprise attack such as that on AH would be joined in by everything the attacker could spare. The puzzling drop back to Pie, however, may be a move in concert with the German attack on France, plus the fleet move to Wes, signifying that Italy really intends her first major move to be against France. The attack on Tri then appears to be simply an indication that Italy believes that Austria has no further chance, and rather than have her beaten back into Tri, Italy would like it for herself. Tri and Ion are probably not seriously intended as part of a major expansion in that direction, though one takes what one is offered, of course. They are eastern marches which can serve as buffers against any threat arising in the East. Also, Italy may use the two pices, thus stationed at advanced points, either alone or in concert, to try to keep the Balkans scrambled.

Turkey looks like the best threat in the Balkans, because, although she got started slowly due to misplacement of her second fleet, she is not in trouble anywhere, whereas Russia is in trouble in the north. We think it would have been sharper and more natural for Russia to have ordered War-Gal rather than War-Ukr; and as things worked out, it would have been very much better, because an Austrian army would have been disbanded in the field. That extra army, surviving for just one more move, could do a great deal of damage in concert with the other and it gives Austria more to offer. With four countries packed and tangled in the Balkans, agreements more than ever are likely to determine the outcome.

/NOTE BY EDITOR: I think it only fair to point out that, in the event of the demise of France, while it is true that Germany would then be "between" England and Italy, Italy would also be between England and Germany, and England would be between Germany and Italy--particularly in view of the fact that Germany already has a massive navy. Because of this, it is not certain to this viewer that England's diplomatic position is anywhere near secure (nor her military one, for that matter)./

NEWS OF THE WORLD

LONDON: King Edward VII announced today that the Court Jester had invented a Time Machine (the Court Jester is the Rt.Hon. Herbert George Wells). The Machine, which is cigar-shaped and about 3 feet tall (it is familiarly known as King Edward's Cigar), is presently located at Caernarvon. In its first and only use so far, the Machine revealed an Investiture taking place 67 years in the future. Because the speech of the future Prince of Wales came out in Welsh, there is evidently a defect in the machine, due no doubt to Celtic Sabotage. The Machine is being overhauled, and the Home Fleet has been sent into Welsh waters as a precaution.

GERMAN PRESS RELEASES WILL APPEAR NEXTISH.

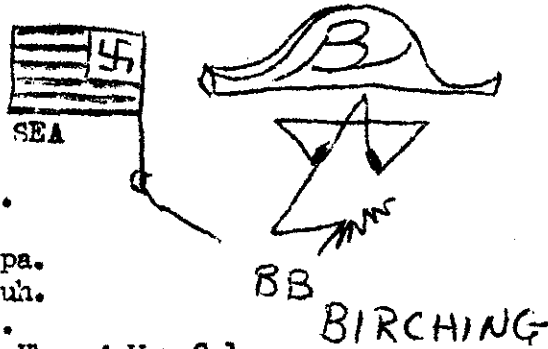
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FIGHTING RAGES IN BLACK SEA

Spring 1901:

- AUSTRIA (Witt): A Vie-Tri, A Bud-Rum, F Tri-Alb.
- ENGLAND (May): A Lpl-Yor, F Lon-Nth, F Edi-Nrg.
- FRANCE (Strayer): F Bre-Mid, A Par-Gas, A Mar-Spa.
- GERMANY (Schelz): F Kie-Hol, A Ber-Kie, A Mun-Ruh.
- ITALY (Birsan): A Ven-Me, F Nap-Ion, A Rom-Ven.
- RUSSIA (Power): F StP(sc)-Bot, F Sev-Bla, A Mos-Ukr, A War-Gal.
- TURKEY (DuBose): F Ang-Bla, A Con-Bul, A Smy-Con.

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THE DIPLOMACY WIDOW'S GAME

Special Announcement: As of now, there is no game fee for the Diplomacy Widow's Game. Entrants must be married to, engaged to, or going steady with, a postal Dipply player and must genuinely hate Diplomacy. Ladies will be required to submit a stamped self-addressed envelope with each set of moves, however. The game will be carried in a

special subzine called Sarka and there will even be a contest in figuring out where I got that name. Entered thus far: Mrs. T. James Bradley, Mrs. David Johnston, Mrs. Jeff Key. Whombody else? Bonnie also sends her good wishes on this game: "Any girl who actually falls for this stupidity ought to have her head examined. I absolutely refuse to have anything to do with it!" As I mentioned before, Bonnie will be Gamesmistress.

THE CHRONICLES OF REQ-LAV

As I have said before, req-Lav was an ancient scribe and scholar of the lost land of meri-Ka, whose writings were preserved on a set of 14k gold-filled tablets--and also several potsherds and what appears to be an Edsel hubcap--which were later hidden by St. Lasagna and revealed to me by the Angel Macaroni. This chapter appears to be a hymn of praise, probably to the god na-Sa, who presided over fate or destiny.

The Book of nyk-Sunn the Twice-Scorned

Chapter 5: An Psalm.

1. Behold, I shall tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall stay awak, for hours, and must not close our eyes, watching our destiny.
2. The countdown shall sound, and the ship shall be raised indestructable, and we shall be changed. For this nation hath put on wings and this race hath put on immortality. Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: Space is swallowed up in victory!
3. O space, where is thy sting; O gravity, where is thy victory?
4. Rejoice, rejoice, O daughter of te-Ra. Rejoice greatly, for thy Lord cometh unto thee; and unto thy sisters, that are more remote, shall he also come.
5. The stars shall be ours, and the worlds that attend them, universe without end. Selah!

MISCELLANIA

1. A new Mailing List, dated 16 June 1969, will arrive with this issue, if you have not already been sent one. There are some changes to it. Betsy DuBose is now at: 302 Redmond, Apt. 139, College Station TX 77840. Scott C. Berschig is now at: 7200 Ederville Rd., FtWorth TX 76102.

2. Koning's Rule. There is a rumor going about that Koning's Rule is somehow "not in" or "contrary to" the published Rules. The latest version of this chestnut is a statement by David Lindsay, in LONELY MOUNTAIN/HALF 'N' HALF that "even worse, many House Rules use 'Koning's Rule'//, which goes directly against an unambiguous sentence of the Printed Rules of Diplomacy." I trust, Dave, that you will be able to show me such an "unambiguous" portion of the Rules. Before you go running to the Rules, however, I will show you an unambiguous portion of the Rules which states unequivocally that Koning's Rule applies. Please turn to p. 8, the Fall 1902 moves of the Sample Game (which is part of the Rules, n'est-ce pas?) Observez-vous the following moves: GERMANY: F Den-Swe; RUSSIA: A StP-Nwy /D//Mos/, F Swe (S) A StP-Nwy; ENGLAND: A Nwy-StP, F Bar (S) A Nwy-StP, F Nth-Nwy. And then this is followed by the clear notation: "The following moves take place: Nwy-StP, Nth-Nwy,..." Thus, unlike all other named "Rules", Koning's Rule is not an interpretation, not a change, not an equivocation, but a direct and unequivocal statement of exactly what the Rules say.

3. Cutting One's Own Throat: While I'm on Dave Lindsay, I might note that he goes on to say, "Wells' own rules...allow a person to cut the support of one of his own pieces, which is also against a Printed Rule." Au contraire, Dave. According to the Rules, support is cut by an attack from the side, and nothing is said about the ownership of the attacking unit. I do not allow this to occur, however, because it is inconsistent with the intent of the Rules. But it is consistent with the letter of the Rules, according to which a player may cut his own support. Of course, as Sid Cochran points out, any player with an IQ of over 30, who is watching out, can avoid cutting his own support.

4. About House-Rules. Some 'zines, such as EREHWON, LONELY MOUNTAIN, THE VOICE, COSTAGUANA, XENOGOGIC, DIPLOPHOBIA, and some others, have fairly well elaborated House Rules. There is no excuse, "confusion" included, why any player in any of these 'zines should not be familiar with their House-Rules and/or be in any doubt how a give situation

will be resolved by the Gamesmaster. It might be a good idea for someone, however, to compile a running list of rule and practice in all active 'zines. This will entail a log of work in 'zines that do not have published House-Rules. The chief problem will be keeping this list up to date. The last listings of this sort occurred in BROEDINGNAG 83 and 85. The former is a good guide to most of the current "disputes" or situations about which there are (differing or not) definite opinions. However, contrary to Sid Cochran's statement in LONELY MOUNTAIN 48, neither issue of BROB mentioned is a good or reliable guide to current practice in most 'zines. Many current 'zines are not covered. Many more have since published new House-Rules. EREHWON's practice was misstated (e.g.) in about 30% of the cases discussed. Some new questions have come up in the interim. Several are covered in this issue, in fact. John had intended to make corrections to #85, but never got around to it. To do this sort of thing properly would be a mountain of work and, I think, a relatively thankless task. Hopefully, somebody will do it, anyway.

5. While I'm beating on LM: TERRY KUCHI Damn right we're trading. Also--I have asked Charles for a copy of his House-Rules with no result. Which one of you has the extra copies? I'd like one, please. It's for a worthy cause. My collection.

6. Game Fees. To date, I have had no firm policy on game fees with respect to persons eliminated from games. Therefore, I will now have such a policy. It is uneconomic for me to adopt the practice of some smaller 'zines which send you copies for the duration of the game, regardless. Therefore, your game-fee will entitle you to a minimum of 20 issues. If you're in the game longer than that, fine; you keep getting the 'zine. If you are eliminated early, you will keep getting EREHWON until the 20th issue, counting the issue in which your game was announced as #1. This applies only to players eliminated; the 'zine stops coming, period, if you are dropped, for non-submission of moves or other hanky-panky.

7. EREHWONs? There is a good chance that my schedule in grad school will be so demanding that some adjustment of EREHWON's publishing schedule will have to be made, beyond that already discussed (Announcement #1). This will entail perhaps the use of subzines to carry games. If so, there will be a wholesale adjustment of subscriptions and whatnot so that nobody will be out anything. I ask all of you to bear in mind that this is a hobby, and I am not about to let it get in the way of grades, job, or family. Therefore, I hope you will be patient with irregularity and whatnot. You will be kept thoroughly posted on what's going on (provided that I know, myself). Of course, in San Diego, there are other publishers, and no doubt I will be able to get a little help now and then from them if I say "pretty please" and snuffle pitifully.

8. THE ODD BALL is Eric Just's new 'zine. No games, no information, no analysis, just Eric rambling on and on and on... But it's still Diplomacy stuff and things on personalities. In #1, Eric tries to make out that he didn't publish THE DIPLOMAT #27, but that doesn't go over very well. After all, if you didn't publish it, Eric, how come you didn't use the same number, huh, hah? I submit that the few "anomalies" you have "detected" were inserted by you to make it look as if somebody else did the thing. And as for that story about your copy arriving from Seattle...HAH! J'accuse, Eric Just. Anyway, get THE ODD BALL.

9. A Special Request: If you have a variant game, and have extra copies of the map/rules, Allan Calhamer would very much like to have a look at it (them). The last time I saw him, he expressed an interest in Diplomacy variants, and I said I would mention this in this issue. It might be of considerable help if you also sent a narrative about how the game plays, what its problems are (have been) and so on.

10. Variant games are available in THANGROODRIM (Bill McDuffie, 20 Gail Dr., Nyack NY 10960) (Scottomacy, Indianomacy, Middle-Earth, whatnot). Prices reasonable, especially for N3F and IFW regulars. Also in DIPLOPHOBIA (Don Miller, 12315 Judson Rd., Wheaton MD 20906) (Scottice Scriptl &c.), which also offers discounts for N3F regulars. If you like variants, please write these gentlemen.

11. How do you keep up??? Where do you find the latest address changes, game openings, and other current info. YE OLDE BUSIE BULLETTYNNE BOARDDE, edited by Jeff Key, P.O. Box 251, Eatontown NJ 07724. Price: \$1 for 12, delivered punctually every 3 weeks.